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this legislation does not authorize, permit, require...

SENATOR HABERMAN: I know that...I know that, Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: ...or anything...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you very much. Madam President and members of the body, in regards to my motion, I would like to call the attention to the body that regardless of what we do here the City Council has made up their mind they're going to charge \$7 a month, which is 8 million a year. I have corrected my other amendment. It's going to be offered, I guess, so I withdraw the kill motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. The next speaker is Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the body, Omaha has not required this authorization because they relied on federal funds and I think this is a good lesson for us all that federal funds are not always there forever for your use in the city or in any other subdivision. To rely on them is risky. But I definitely think that the City of Omaha does have the need to require a garbage collection fee and, yes, it will raise a lot of money but it also costs a lot of money to collect garbage from all the households in the City of Omaha. I do have a question though for Senator Horgan, if he would yield.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes, Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Horgan, one of the concerns I have is that this will be a flat charge on all households in the City of Omaha. In my district, we have a couple of creeks that have a lot of debris and irresponsible dumping into the creeks, one in Irvington and one in Cole Creek, and I guess I am wondering if the charge per household is intended to also pick up those inordinate amounts of garbage and refuse that the city will have to do for those who perhaps will use a greater degree of the refuse pickup.

SENATOR HORGAN: Well,...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Do you have any thoughts on that or have you